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# Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly

## Report of the Sixth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Fiji.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 31 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/231).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.8

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Fiji, on behalf of Belgium, Cuba, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Tonga and Tuvalu, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.8).

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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Subsequently, Germany, Qatar and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.8 without a vote (see para. 7).

## III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*,

*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Development Forum,

1. *Decides* to invite the Pacific Islands Development Forum to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.